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It is hereby requested that the shortened statutory period for responding to the Examiner's Action dated June 25, 2004 be extended three-months from September 25, 2004 to December 25, 2004. Since Saturday, December 25, 2004 is a Saturday, the deadline for response falls on Monday, December 27, 2004.

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Responsive Action has been taken by filing an AMENDMENT simultaneously herewith.

Respectfully submitted,

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